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SUBJECT: PRIVILEGES FOR NON-DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL

REF: (A) SEOUL 5282, (B) STATE 170285, (C) STATE 176678

1. ON AUGUST 17 EMBOFFS VISITED MOFA AND PRESENTED AIDE-MEMOIRE DESCRIBING EACH EXISTING AGREEMENT OR CONVENTION PROVIDING FOR TAX EXEMPTION PRIVILEGES FOR ALL MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF. AFTER REVIEWING AIDE-MEMOIRE (AND SINCE ADEQUATE WTIME FOR ADDITIONAL INTERNAL REVIEW HAS PASSED SINCE JUNE 16 MEETING ON SAME SUBJECT), MR. LEE, CHUNG NAM, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL DIVISION II ADVISED THAT ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL WOULD ENJOY EXEMPTION FROM VAT (SEE REFTEL A).
2. EMBOFFS UNABLE LEARN WHEN PROCEDURES WOULD BE COMPLETED TO IMPLEMENT TAX EMEMPTION PROGRAM BUT HOPEFULLY WILL BEGIN IN VERY NEAR FUTURE. IN MEANTIME, EMBASSY PREPARING NECESSARY INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS AND HOPES GET MAJORITY TO MOFA BY EARLY SEPTEMBER.
3. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, LEE POINTED OUT THAT PERSONNEL OF KOREAN CONGEN IN HONOLULU DO NOT ENJOY EXEMPTION FROM STATE SALES OR ENTERTAINMENT TEXES. IN LIGHT OF MOFA'S DECISION RE APPLICABILITY OF VAT TO EMBASSY SEOUL, DEPARTMENT MAY BE HEARING FROM THE KOREAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON REGARDING THIS TAX SITUATION IN HAWAII.

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4. EMBASSY REGRETS AUGUST 5 DEADLINE SPECIFIED REFTEL (C) NOT MET -- HOWEVER, PENDING ROKG REACTION TO SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (A), NO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION AVAILABLE UNTIL NOW.
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